

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-40 were pending in this application. In this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3, and 15-18 and amended claims 2, 11, 28 and 29. Accordingly, claims 2, 4-14, 19-26 and 28-40 will be pending herein upon entry of this Amendment. For the reasons stated below, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006, claims 1-3, 5-10, 15-18 and 27 were rejected over the prior art. Claims 19-26 and 33-40 were allowed. Claims 4, 11-14 and 28-32 were found to be allowable if amended to include the subject matter of the claims from which they depend.

By the foregoing amendment, allowable claim 11 has now been amended to include the subject matter of canceled claims 1 and 3 and allowable claims 28 and 29 have been amended to include the subject matter of canceled claim 27. Claims 2 and 4-8 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 11. Thus, all claims now include subject matter found to be allowable.

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In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.


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